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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re original application of:

Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos et al.  
Application Serial No.: 09/883,130  
Filing Date : June 15, 2001  
Title: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING DIGITAL  
IMAGES OF OBJECTS WITH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED  
SPECKLE-NOISE PATTERNS BY ILLUMINATING SAID  
OBJECTS WITH SPATIALLY AND/OR TEMPORALLY  
COHERENT-REDUCED PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION  
Examiner : Ahshik Kim  
Group Art Unit : 2876  
Attorney Docket No. : 108-106USA000

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 13, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed in the present Application on August 13, 2003,  
Applicants submit the following amendments to the same:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 14, 20, 22, 37 and 56 as follows:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): An automated ~~unitary-type~~ package identification and measuring  
system comprising:

a housing;

a planar laser illumination and imaging (PLIIM) based ~~barcode~~ bar code reading  
subsystem disposed in said housing, for reading bar codes on packages passing below or near  
said system so as to identify said packages,

wherein said PLIIM based bar code reading subsystem includes

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